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WANTED—AN ENLIGHTENED DEMOCRACY

By G. T. SADLER, M.A., LL.B.

Democracy is good, but of itself inadequate to re-mould the world's life.

American papers declare that conscription is the most "democratic" method of obtaining national "defence"—even if you are not attacked! They say it is the fairest method, as by a voluntary system many are shirkers.

The democracy of Russia does not seem to have ceased to fight. They have no idea that war is a sin against one's fellow-men, and so they are being re-inflamed by that fellow Kerenski.

Democracy is ruled by the people, the demos. But what is needed is *morally enlightened people*, a people ruled by principle. Only the Christ can save the world from war, the Christ not as a man, a local man in heaven. Of Him we know nothing. But the Christ as God's ideal of unlimited goodwill, which overcomes evil with good. There is no other way, and though we kill Germans for another three years we shall find no real peace thus, but only hate and envy and misery, and more atrocities by U-boats and by our blockade.

It is a pity our rulers have not a little moral insight added to their political cleverness. A little moral imagination would go a long way towards ending the war. This stupid prize-fighter's passion for "victory" by a knock-out blow is hardly the true attitude of a statesman at the head of a great nation. The fear that, unless "crushed," Germany will break out again shows how our rulers are miles away from any understanding of the *moral* forces that rule the world in the long run. Had they but a little faith in goodwill they could remove the mountain of this war. But their diplomatic record in regard to Persia, South Africa, Morocco, Tripoli, Egypt, Finland shows they rely on cunning and brute force alone. They know not God!

The people must take affairs into their hands, make peace terms by allowing each people to decide its own affairs, and then change the system of civilisation by a New Social Order. The peoples must do it, for their rulers are morally helpless to do it. But the people must learn the deep moral law of goodwill, or they will only bungle in re-building national and inter-national life.

We know now that the War was not brought on by Germany and Austria alone, but also by the old aristocratic Russia, eager for Constantinople. It was the old quarrel for the Middle East—*i.e.*, the Balkans, Asia Minor, and Mesopotamia—that led to the War. The "Westminster Gazette" (July 29th, 1914) decribed an interview with a Russian gentleman, who said: "The Russian people are eager for war." On July 28th the "Times" said: "Thousands of people (in Russia) read the news of the declaration of War (by Austria against Serbia). The greatest enthusiasm and patriotic fervour prevailed." And on July 30th: "An extraordinary wave of enthusiasm is sweeping over the country. It will be a popular War."

So are the peoples, unenlightened by moral principles, deceived by their rulers into war. But never again!

To be sure of this, the people must have a *deeper principle of life unveiled in their hearts*. They must not only rule, but know the moral law, by which alone rule is peaceful and progressively noble and glad!

They must learn the might of magnanimity, the security that comes by service unarmed, the power of calm personality, the need of self-control in matters of alcohol and sex and anger. Mere democracy will only flounder about, and soon become again the dupes of the clever and cunning politicians, and be soon found conscripted to defend "freedom" once more.

After the War, the National Service League, headed by Lord Milner, will "break out" again, and claim that conscription be permanent, that the training for it start in the secondary schools, and the idea be given even in the drill of the elementary schools.

Will the people be ready with an alternative, a moral method instead of this immoral method of teaching the young to kill? We must *now* learn that there is an alternative method to gain national security. It is by training boys to be *noble personalities*, men like Theodore Pennell, M.D., F.R.C.S., B.Sc., who for 20 years in North India (Bannu) worked among the wild and often blood-thirsty Pathans, *himself unarmed*, and for keeping order was said to be equal to a regiment of soldiers.

Train our lads to learn to meet men unarmed, and by sheer goodwill be loved and so not harmed, or rarely so, themselves. Thus will we need no army, and we will not be attacked! But those greedy for more and more trade, colonies, and concessions—they are those who render us insecure as a people. They are our real enemies: and no wonder they will cry out for renewed conscription. Are the people *ready to meet their cry* after the War, and show how, in our schools, we can have the training of lads in ways of a braver, non-resisting goodwill, which only uses force to restrain a passing temper or drunkenness, or a poor lunatic, for his good: and never to kill.

The people must study now these moral ways, or they will become the dupes of the clever and "influential" people who will back up the National Service League, which is a National Slavery League in reality.

Are the people ready for *a New Social Order, based on deep moral laws?* They are not ready! They give way to cries for reprisals, when Germans stupidly and wickedly kill our women and children. They forget we too have been killing German women and children by slow starvation for three years nearly! Thus, in Leipsic the death-rate is now 230 a week, compared with 150 in 1914. So we kill many non-combatants weekly! On April 26th twenty-four men, women, and children were shot and killed, and forty seriously wounded, because they protested against the withdrawal of the card for an extra bread allowance. This was in Moravia. ("Daily Telegraph," June 18th and 24th.) Who makes their bread scarce? The British, by their inhuman, if "legal," blockade. No wonder they hate us and send U-boats and aeroplanes wildly now against us. It is all wicked and stupid, and futile to bring in a real peace.

Yet the people of England are in many places shouting for more reprisals. They know not what they do. But they do it because they have no deep moral principle of life yet. Unless we learn this, we cannot be saved from conscription, poverty, or war.

Of Special Interest This Week!

Is Lloyd George in League with the Czar?

Children Protest against War.

The Truth about the Women's Army.

THE VICTIMS OF FOOD PROFITEERS.

THE CHILDREN'S PEACE CRUSADE

In Chester last Saturday a novel sight might be seen, 50 children, girls and boys, with coloured paper caps and bonnets of fantastic design, carrying flags with various mottoes: Peace, Spades not Guns, Sugar, Apples and Pears, No More War, I want my Dad, etc. They were led by a capital band, a bugler, several drums, real kettles and pans, played in fine style. There was a commander, and other officers, who recruited and drilled the children, and they marched through the city with no grown-ups; except a friend in a carriage at the rear who took up the tired little ones at a point on the route. Nothing but smiles greeted this little band of brave children. Upon their return for some milk, too plainly not often to be had, they were asked, "What were you out for?" "Peace and Sugar," they replied. The paper hats and caps are quickly made from wall-paper pattern books, but the banners should be of some more durable material. It is likely that processions of women for peace will be more popular if accompanied by children as their claim is incontestable, seeing they certainly had no part in making war, an dare greatly wronged, and suffer in many ways, and they cannot protest. Let us be led by the children, and build the new world for them.

MARY CROSLAND TAYLOR.

Next week's issue will contain our views on the Inter-Allied Conference.

IN ESSEX—JULY 1917.

God! how the guns in Flanders are firing,
See the shells crushing, scorching and blinding,
See our lads falling, writhing and cursing,
Praying and shrinking, on maimed knees crawling,
Shouting for cooling drink with angry wound
Where there is nought but sweat and blood around.
Quick! bring them back again,
Or put them out of pain,
And stop this brutish fight—
Blot out this shameful sight!
For there are other sons
Marching to meet the guns
Firing in Flanders.

CLARA GILBERT COLE.

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We have decided to drop out our middle page during the holiday season, but hope to replace it shortly. Reference to our gratefully acknowledged columns will show that our readers have responded very generously to our appeal, but the money which has been received has not yet paid off our debt. To avoid incurring debts in future we are asking readers to volunteer to give or collect 1s. for the paper each week. When enough promises to do this have reached us, the paper will have been put on a sound financial basis. If some rent controller were to give the landlords permission to raise your rent by 1s. a week you would pay up with the same meekness which you have shown in paying the increased food prices. The DREADNOUGHT fights against such extortion, and through the medium of the DREADNOUGHT and the W.S.F. many whose rents were illegally raised have been able to get their money back. There ought to be no doubt that enough volunteers will be forthcoming to keep the DREADNOUGHT afloat.

MORE REVELATIONS OF DIPLOMACY

The German Chancellor Michaelis, on August 21st, informed the Main Committee of the Reichstag that he has information showing that the Allies have made the following agreements :—

September 7th, 1914—Allies decided only to conclude a joint Peace.

March 4th, 1915—Russia made the following demands, which were agreed to by France and Britain March 12th, 1915 :—Russia to receive Constantinople, with European shore of Straits, southern part of Thrace, as far as Enos—Media line, the islands in the Sea of Marmora, the Islands of Imbros and Tenedos, and on Asia Minor side the peninsula between the Black Sea, the Bosphorus, and the Gulf of Ismaila as far as the River Sikaris in the east.

In 1915-16 Russia obtained from Allies promise of Armenian vilayets Trebizond and Kurdistan.

France claimed Syria, with Adana and Messina and the hinterland extending northward to Vivas and Kharput.

England claimed Mesopotamia.

The rest of Turkey in Asia to be divided into English and French spheres of influence.

Palestine to be internationalised.

Other districts inhabited by Turks and Arabs, including Arabia proper and the holy places of Islam to be formed into a special federation of States under British suzerainty.

When Italy entered the War fresh negotiations were made: the Chancellor expects to have details in regard to them, which he promises to publish.

So again the peoples of France and Britain, living under Governments which are supposed to be democratic, learn from Germany the arrangements made in their name and for which their sons' lives are being sacrificed.

Is Lloyd George in League with the Czar?

The Russian Socialists have issued a vigorous protest against Mr. Tchitcherine's internment.

Mr. G. Tchitcherine, the Secretary of the Russian Socialist groups in London was interned on Saturday, August 25th. On August 7th the following notices were served upon him.

It is alleged against George Tchitcherine :—

(1) That he is of hostile associations by reason of his associations with Germans and pro-Germans at the Communist Club, 107, Charlotte Street, W.

(2) That, having regard to his anti-ally, and pro-German activities and sentiments, he is a danger to the public safety and the defence of the Realm.

ORDER UNDER REGULATION 14 B OF THE DEFENCE OF THE REALM REGULATIONS.

Whereas, on the recommendation of a competent military authority, appointed under the Defence of the Realm Regulations, it appears to me that for securing the public safety and the defence of the Realm, it is expedient that George Tchitcherine should, in view of his hostile associations be subjected to such obligations and restrictions as are hereinafter mentioned.

I hereby order that the said George Tchitcherine shall be interned in Brixton Prison, and shall be subject to all the rules and conditions applicable to persons there interned, and remain there until further orders.

If within seven days from the date on which this Order is served on the said George Tchitcherine, he shall submit to me any representations against the provisions of this Order, such representations will be referred to the Advisory Committee appointed for the purpose of advising me with respect to the internment and deportation of aliens and presided over by a Judge of the High Court, and will be duly considered by the Committee. If I am satisfied by the report of the said Committee that this Order may be revoked or varied without injury to the public safety or the defence of the realm, I will revoke or vary this Order by a further Order in writing under my hand. Failing such revocation or variation this Order shall remain in force.

(Signed) GEO. CAVE,
One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Mr. Tchitcherine replied as follows :—

Sir :—Referring to the Order under Regulation 14 B of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, dated the 7th. inst, and served upon me on the 22nd. inst., within which I have seven days to submit any representations against the provisions of this Order, I desire to make the following representations for the kind considerations of the Advisory Committee referred to in the said Order.

It is alleged against me :—

(1) That I am "of hostile associations by reason of my association with Germans and pro-Germans at the Communist Club, 107, Charlotte Street, W."
and

(2) that, "having regard to my anti-ally and pro-German activities and sentiments, I am a danger to the public saftey and the defence of the Realm."

With reference to the first point I beg to point out that the said Club is a legally registered Working Men's Club affiliated to the Working Men's Club and Institute Union Ltd. As an international Institution it contains members of various nationalities, but Germans who were previously members of the Club are now interned. Most of the Russian Socialists resident in London are members of this Club and frequently Russian Socialists who are not members come to the premises of the Club, to meetings, entertainments, etc. I have associated there for example with Mr. Schreider, now Lord Mayor of Petrograd, and Mrs. Tchernoff, wife of the Minister of Agriculture. Referring to the second point, I must declare that characteristising International Socialism, the teaching which inspires my activities and sentiments, as being presumably "anti-ally and pro-German," is a total misrepresentation of its nature and aims. We, the International Socialists oppose imperialism in its totality, alike in its British, German and other representatives. The Committee of Delegates of the Russian Socialist Groups in London, a Society on behalf of which I have worked for almost two years at its Secretary, in a communication to the Press published in the "Labour Leader" and in the "Call" on August 10th, declares with reference to this question that "the Government are well aware that these imputations are groundless, because they know full well that G. Tchitcherine, as Secretary of our Committee, has taken his stand upon the international solidarity of Labour as opposed to imperialism and militarism, whether it be British, German, French or Russian. We further declare that this act of the British Government is on a par with the acts of the German Government who are arresting internationalists in Germany for alleged pro-Entente sentiments." The idea of the international movement for working-class emancipation from all forms of political, economic and imperialist oppression and exploitation was also put forth by the great Leeds Convention, held on June 3rd, at which 1,300 delegates took part, representing 207 Trade Councils, and local Labour Parties, 371 Trade Union organisations and over 500 other organisations. If I am to be interned, are we to expect that the hundreds of thousands of Britishers who are members of these organisations, will also be interned? Will you please call upon the folowing witnesses to be heard in connection with my case, by the Advisory Committee :—Mr. Philip Snowden, M.P., 59, Woodstock Road, Golders Green, N.W.4; Mr. W. C. Anderson, M.P., 7, Mecklenburg Square, W.C.; Mr. E. C. Fairchild, 35, Vicarage Road, Leyton, E.10; Mr. Albert Inkpin, Secretary B.S.P., 21a, Maiden Lane, W.C.8; Mr. Joseph King, M.P., 29, St Thomas Mansions, Stangate, S.E.; Mrs. Bridges Adams, formerly member of the London School Board 90, Lexham Gardens, Kensington, W. 8; Mr. A. G. Tonkin, Secretary of the Kentish Town Branch B.S.P. of which I am a member, 4d, Malden Road, N.W.5; Mr. A. M. Krougliakoff, Chairman of the Russian Delegates Committee, 31, Woburn Place, W.C.1; Mr. A. I. Sundelevitch, old member of the Communist Working Men's Club, 28, Great College Street, N.W.1. I remain, Sir Your obedient Servant, (signed) G. Tchitcherine.

Whitehall,
7th August, 1917.

On August 24th, Mr. Tchitcherine again wrote to the Home Secretary :—

Sir,—With further reference to the Order under Regulation 14 B, of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, dated the 8th inst., and served upon me on the 23rd inst., within which I have seven days to submit any representations against the provisions of the Order, in addition to the representations submitted by myself yesterday, the 23rd inst., I wish to draw the attention of the Advisory Committee to the following facts :—

The Order of Internment was signed on August 7th. A few days before that date, viz., on August 3rd a telegram was received here from the Commissioner of the Russian Provisional Government, Mr. Svatikoff, now in Paris, empowering me to investigate the former activities of the Tsarist Secret Police in this country. A short time ago attempts were unsuccessfully made to draw the attention of the Government upon the fact that a former agent of the Russian Secret Police, who was at the same time connected as he said with Scotland Yard, was officially denounced by Mr. Svatikoff to the British authorities as being very strongly suspected of German espionage, but that the British Police refused to arrest him. The powers of investigation conferred upon me by Mr. Svatikoff would have had as result that I would have investigated more closely the conduct of this man. The Order of Internment deprives me of the possibility of bringing more light upon the dark doings of the former Tsarist Okhrane—and of its connection with the secret services of other Governments, into which a glimpse has been given me by the association I have had lately with investigations already conducted in this matter by representatives of the Russian Provisional Government. Will you please call upon the following witnesses to be heard in connection with this case by the Advisory Committee : Mr. Svatikoff, Commissioner of the Russian Provisional Government, available through the Russian Embassy in Paris. Mr. Ernest Gambs, Russian Vice-Consul, 30 Bedford Square, London, W.C.—I remain, sir, your obedient servant, G. TCHITCHERINE.

WHAT IS IN THE FRENCH SECRET TREATY

Dear Editor,—I think the secret treaty of Ribot and the Czar handed over to France, not only the German provinces south of the Rhine, but Luxembourg and the Eastern provinces also of Belgium up to the line of the Meuse. Perhaps you noticed that of late the French jingo press has been proclaiming that France, after the War, must have a *military protectorate* over the whole of Belgium. This is what French Chauvinists have coveted for a hundred years. The French Socialists showed this secret treaty to Henderson, who has still some shreds of a conscience, and it was too much for him.

I am, yours etc.,
F. C. CONYBEARE, S.B.A.

POLITICAL PRISONERS

The Emperor Karl of Austria has released all political prisoners. Conscientious objectors are political prisoners. When will they be released in this country? The joint conference of the Committee of the Indian National Congress and the All-India Moslem League calls for the release of Mrs. Besant and other interned politicals. It urges that the internments are part of an attempt to suppress all agitation for constitutional reform.

MORE WOMEN NECESSARY

On the Food Control Committees which Lord Rhondda is forming "at least one member must be a woman and another a representative of labour." A Committee must not exceed twelve in number, we understand. Women are responsible for the food problem in the majority of homes, and therefore we cannot understand why a greater representation than one in twelve is not to be assured to women.

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A friend has sent us the proceeds of the sale of her waste paper. Who will help our funds by the same means? It costs you nothing, and if every sympathiser would do it, it would help forward our "Big Push" campaign, for which we need more money.

GIVE THIS PAPER TO A FRIEND

QUESTIONS OF THE DAY

MR. BARNES

At the Ritz dinner to Mr. W. A. Holman, Mr. Barnes took another step in shaking himself free from his comrades in the workers' movement. He repeated with emphasis that he does not believe in the class war, and talked of "social consciousness," by which would be found a way "to bind together the various classes of the community in an endeavour to give the bottom man a better chance than he had had hitherto." Will Mr. Barnes' "better way" give the bottom man a chance to go to the Ritz? If not, the way of life which the Ritz symbolises should be given up by all. We believe that our social affairs should be so re-organised that all the individuals of the community will live at a similar subsistence level. When this is done the community will see to it that the general subsistence level shall be high. In America and Switzerland, where people of all [illegible] the habit of sending their children to the elementary schools, the elementary schools are far in advance of those in countries such as this, where well-to-do-people do not send their children to the people's school.

Mr. Holman, the Premier of New South Wales, who has seen a number of things to complain of in the condition of the British workers, politely refrained from detailed criticism, but he made this significant remark: "Let the leaders of the industrial army go among the rank and file, and share their hardships and privations." We wonder how Mr. Barnes received it.

LABOUR'S POSITION

A Commission of Inquiry into the wages of munition workers is appointed. The Labour organisations have four representatives out of 13. The workers in the shops and yards have no representative directly chosen by them. Such representatives should have the deciding power.

THE STOCKHOLM DELEGATION

"TIMES" AS BUSYBODY.

"The Times," in the course of a long article on Stockholm, observes that the British Socialist organisations, which are affiliated to the International Socialist Bureau, assert their right to direct representation at Stockholm. It protests that if the Socialists insist on exercising that right "the Labour Party Executive will be expected by the vast body of the members of the Party to regard their action as vitiating one of the conditions on which the Party consented to accept the Stockholm invitation." We hope that no sections of the Labour Movement will go to its old enemy, "The Times," to discover what to think and how to vote on this matter. The proposal of the Labour Party Executive that eight members of the Stockholm delegation should be chosen by the Executive, eight by the Labour Party Conference, eight by the Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress, two by the Fabian Society, four by the I.L.P., and four by the B.S.P., and that these delegates would voice the views of their respective organisations, was defeated on August 21st. For this was substituted a resolution providing that: "The Party delegation consist of 24 representatives, the Executive to appoint eight, the Parliamentary Committee of the Trades Union Congress to be invited to appoint eight, and the present Special Conference to appoint eight; this sectional representation to be equally reduced should circumstances necessitate." Those who opposed the Executive's proposal did so on the ground that *that Conference* should speak with one voice, not with three voices. The view that the Socialist organisations should be debarred from sending delegates to the Conference was not expressed.

MORE D.O.R.A. REGULATIONS

Another batch of regulations is issued. One of them makes it an offence "to prejudice the success of any financial measures taken or arrangements made by his Majesty's Government with a view to the prosecution of the War." This piling on of regulations and punishments is a bad sign. Righteous people should not be so fearful of others.

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Under the Defence of the Realm Act the U.D.C. offices were raided last Saturday. The authorities would seem to be going the round!

AMERICAN WEALTH

"The Times" says that the American Senate has adopted taxation approximating to the conscription of wealth. But as a matter of fact the resolution to effect this, moved by Senator La Follette, was defeated. An income tax of 67 per cent on incomes over £100,000, 17½ per cent. on incomes over £16,000, and 13¾ per cent. on incomes over £12,000 was accepted. But a man with £1,100,000 per annum will find himself very comfortably off after the Chancellor has done with him. The first £100,000 will be taxed at a lower level, and of the remaining £1,000,000 he will still have left £330,000, with which any one of us could manage very well. But the most important point is that though the tax collector will take a big slice off the incomes, he leaves the capital wealth intact. When a man is conscribed for the Army he is obliged to place his body and brains at the disposal of the authorities during the War, without any guarantee that they will be returned intact when Peace comes!

THE POPE'S PEACE MOVE

Though we must not believe a tithe of what either the British or German papers say, there can be no doubt that there is a strong agitation for Peace on a reasonable basis in Germany. A Parliamentary majority appears to be pressing for the acceptance of the Pope's terms, and the new Chancellor Michaelis has been obliged to alter his declaration on Peace and War policy in response to Parliamentary pressure. It is further reported that the Reichstag is to be consulted in regard to the answer to be sent to the Pope. When is a similar right to be extended to the Parliament of this country? The people of Germany are demanding full self-government in both home and foreign policy. Shall we tamely submit to be ignored in matters concerning the destiny of our country and of the world? Shall we accept without protest the statements of our Cecils and our Balfours, who have so long dishonoured this nation by their cruel capitalistic intrigues, that the representatives of the workers are "no more fit to discuss Peace terms than a child of three to control an aeroplane"? The conciliatory declarations of Herr von Kühlmann, the German Foreign Secretary, who says that "a sharp word must not be said when the ice on the other side is melting and a conciliatory feeling is beginning to be shown," and that "a policy founded on force alone is doomed to failure," are a proof that the German people are pressing for Peace.

FINLAND

It is a tragic thing that the Russian people, who through their Council of Workers' and Soldiers' Delegates, adopted, and forced upon their Government, the great Peace formula: "no annexations; no indemnities; the right of the peoples to determine their own destiny," should now allow their Government to deny this right to progressive freedom-loving Finland. The Finnish Parliament recently passed a law declaring the independence of Finland. Thereupon the Russian Provisional Government issued a manifesto dissolving the Finnish Parliament and threatening to carry out the dissolution by force of arms. The Finnish Parliament has decided to continue its work, and asks whether the Russian Government really believes "it will be able in this way to force the Finnish people to dispose of their own destiny?" It is the little nations within their own Empire that politicians always find it so hard to free; their enthusiasm is all spent in sending the lads to fight for the small nations included in *other* Empires. Thus, at the Labour Party Conference on August 21st, Mr. Barnes declared that Peace must be based on nationality. Voices cried: "Ireland!" He replied: "Well, what about Ireland; is it not an integral part of the British Empire?" So say the Russians of Finland, the Austrians of Bohemia, the Turks of Armenia; so say all who are on the side of the big battalions when little nations are striving to be free.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

In Serbia, "The Times" reports, no Serbian teacher is allowed to teach; Austro-Hungarian subjects are appointed in all the newly-opened schools. The teaching of the German and Magyar languages is compulsory. The British Government must rejoice at this apt pupil; we may expect further developments, such as the flogging of children for speaking their native language. Chapter and verse for this and similar methods of stamping out nationality and oppressing small nations may be found in the history of the British Government's treatment of the Irish.

ADELA PANKHURST

On August 22nd Miss Adela Pankhurst was sentenced to a month's imprisonment for leading a demonstration outside Parliament House, when there was a hot encounter with the police. This was reported in the Press telegram. We await further details. Miss A. Pankhurst has worked vigorously for Peace ever since the outbreak of War, and she has done much to influence the women's organisations of Australia in that direction. For this reason her articles in the "Woman Voter," to which she contributed regularly in 1914-16, were frequently censored and appeared in mutilated form. She was one of the foremost leaders in the fight against Conscription, which was defeated by the Referendum Vote. Her Peace and anti-Conscription speeches attracted so much attention that Mr. Hughes advised his supporters to "fall upon" her and her co-workers "like Bengal Tigers." Miss Pankhurst recently became an official organiser of the Socialist Party of Australia.

THE WOMEN'S ARMY

Two of our lady members who enlisted on July 12th in the W.A.A.C. have had a real taste of the Army. They were told, first of all, that after a medical examination they would be sent to the hostel in London. Instead, they were sent to Aldershot. They received no uniform until August 7th, and then several garments were not supplied to them. Contrary to the understanding that girls from the same office were to be allowed to keep together as far as practicable, one has been placed in a draft for France for the 10th, and one for the 11th inst. At Aldershot, not only was the food poor, but quite insufficient, one piece of bread and butter only being given them for their tea. When they protested, they were told it was their ration. They got so little food that their colleagues at home subscribed and sent a parcel to them. To make matters worse, no pay was given them from the time they arrived (July 12th) to August 7th, and money had to be sent to the girls from home. When, on the latter date, they were paid, they found that a reduction had been made from their wages on the ground that they had not done full duty daily. This they strongly protested against, and one of them threatened to write to the Association. They were then asked whether they could produce in black and white any statement that they were to be paid 34s. a week. Fortunately, one of them was able to do this, whereupon the full amount was at once paid. The accommodation was also bad. There was no bath in their quarters, and no blinds, and they had to wash in front of the windows.

From the *Postal and Telegraph Record*.

FOREIGN NEWS

STOCKHOLM.

Journal du Peuple, August 19th.—According to the "Gazette de la Bourse," a meeting has been held in Petrograd with the English and French Ambassadors with regard to the Stockholm Conference. It is reported that Kerensky has declared that whatever may be the decisions of the Conference in Stockholm, they will not change the foreign policy of Russia, which will remain faithful to the treaty with the Allies.

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"Journal du Peuple," August 23rd.—The next Zimmerwald Congress will be held in Stockholm on September 3rd. The Russian, Finnish, Swedish and German Socialists are organising this Conference.

RUSSIA.

Russia has had its first trial by Jury!

The elections for the Russian Constituent Assembly have been postponed for two months. Democrats all over the world await their result with anxiety.

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"Berner Tagwacht," August 13th.—It is reported that the Provisional Government has authorised the Minister of War to prohibit all congresses which from the military point of view are dangerous to the safety of the State.

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"Berner Tagwacht," August 14th.—Swedish newspapers report a private meeting of the Russian Duma called by the former President of the Duma, Rodzianko. The reactionary Purishkewitch, as well as Milyukov and Manlowskov, asked the Provisional Government to free itself from the Workers' and Soldiers' Council and to stick to the Duma. Manlowskov and Purishkewitch pleaded for the restoration of the monarchy, and asked for the Grand Duke Michael, the brother of the ex-Czar, to be made Czar.

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"Berner Tagwacht," August 15th.—The Workers' and Soldier's Council has accepted a resultion strongly repudiating the re-introduction of Czarist methods in the Army. Those who shed blood will have to take the responsibility for it. By a great majority it was decided to ask the Provisional Government to stick to democratic principles in foreign policy. The Provisional Government is requested to stand for a speedy Peace on a democratic basis, revision of War aims, publicity of secret treaties, and democratisation of diplomacy. Should the Provisional Government deviate from these democratic principles, the Workers' and Soldiers' Council will do its utmost to overthrow the Cabinet.

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The Russian Government has forbidden night work for women and for children under 17 years.

JEWISH CONGRESS.

"Journal du Peuple," August 22nd.—On September 2nd a congress of Jews will be held in Salonika to examine the Jewish question and to formulate demands which will be brought forward at the future Peace Congress. The following preliminary programme has been suggested:—

1. Equal civil, political and religious rights for the Jews in countries where these rights are totally or partly refused to them.
2. National rights for the Jews in countries where these rights are given to other national minorities.
3. Guarantees for the free development of a Jewish centre in Palestine.
4. Collaboration with other Jewish organisations for the realisation of this programme.

A SOLDIER'S LETTER.

Dear Comrade,—May God give you strength to carry on your peace campaign. I have been to the front twice, and if you could see the horrors of War, to suit what is certainly not Democracy. I have faith in the women doing good to bring this War or butchery to an end. God help the widows and fatherless. "God save All Nations."—I remain,

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 31st.
Highbury Corner, 7.30 p.m., Mrs. Drake.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st.
Meetings, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.—See "Great Push."
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd.
Osborn Street, Whitechapel, 11.30 a.m., Mrs. Cressall.
Victoria Park, 4 p.m., Mrs. Drake.
The Square, Woolwich, 7 p.m., Mrs. Butler.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th.
"Salmon and Ball," 7.30 p.m., Mrs. Cressall.

INDOOR

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd.
53 St. Leonard's Street, 2.30 p.m., Mrs. Scurr.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th.
I.W.W. Hall, 76 Whitechapel Road, 8 p.m., Mrs. Scurr.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th.
St. Stephen's Shop, 85 Hoxton Street, 8.30, ex-Inspector Syme.

HOLLOWAY

Monday, September 3rd, meeting of Holloway Branch of W.S.F. at Co-operative Hall, Seven Sisters Road, Holloway (entrance to the hall second door up the gateway in Thane Villas), 8 p.m. Speakers, Miss Sylvia Pankhurst and others.

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2nd Meeting: RICHMOND STREET 7 p.m. Mrs. NELLIE BEST, Miss LYNCH, Rev. R. W. SORENSEN.

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1st Meeting: PIGGOTT STREET 3 p.m. Mrs. BUTLER, Miss LYNCH, Mr. J. HANAGHAN and Mr. H. G. RUSSELL.
2nd Meeting: DOCK GATES 7 p.m. Mrs. BUTLER, Miss LYNCH, Mr. J. HANAGHAN and Ex-Inspector SYME.

FEDERATION NOTES

PEACE PICKETS AND BIG PUSH.

As Parliament has taken a holiday, there will be no more peace pickets in Parliament Square for the present. All those members and friends who helped are thanked and reminded that we are doing other work for peace. Last Saturday our joint meetings with the Peace Crusaders at Kensal Rise were most successful. We have been asked to come again soon, and as the local secretary (Mrs. Edwards, 30 Clifford Garden) says—that is very good from Kensal Rise. Large numbers of DREADNOUGHTS were sold, and the collections for the day amounted to 16s. 3½d. We want this success repeated to-day (Saturday) at Islington. We hope members and supporters will turn up in force at 255 Liverpool Road at 2.45 p.m. The meetings will be at Richmond Street, 3 and 7 p.m. The Peace Crusaders will co-operate with us.

BRANCHES.

The first branch meeting of the new Finsbury Branch will take place at the Co-operative Hall, 144 Seven Sisters' Road on Monday, September 3rd, at 8.15 p.m. The Secretary (Mrs. Cave) hopes that there will be many new members present. Miss Sylvia Pankhurst will give a short address. New branches are being formed also at Nottingham (hon. sec., Miss E. Smith, 9 Commercial Road, Bulwell, Notts), and at Netherfield (hon. sec., Mrs. Johnston, 1 Ethel Villas, Netherfield). Friends in these districts who wish to join or help are asked to communicate with the secretaries.

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